

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

IMPORTANT NOTICE - EFFECTIVE: June 13, 2002

There has been a change in the way you report wrecked, destroyed or damaged vehicles to the Department of Licensing!

Senate Bill 6530, passed during the 2002 legislative session, expanded the definition of salvage vehicles in Washington state and added an element to be included when reporting wrecked, destroyed, or damaged vehicles to the Department of Licensing (DOL). These changes will primarily affect the legal and registered owners of wrecked vehicles, insurance companies doing business in Washington, and licensed vehicle wreckers.

In addition to current "WA REBUILT" branding requirements (vehicles less than six years old) the salvage vehicle definition has been expanded to include vehicles that meet the following criteria:

- The vehicle is a "used car or truck" (includes passenger cars, light-duty trucks with a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or less, and sport utility vehicles); and
- is at least six years old but not more than twenty years old, and
- the vehicle's value meets or exceeds the current "market value threshold" amount.

The current market value threshold is \$6,500 as of June 13, 2002. This amount is subject to annual increases.

All destroyed vehicles must be reported to DOL. However, the "WA REBUILT" brand will only be applied to the titles of those vehicles meeting the definition of a salvage vehicle. **If the market value statement is not provided by the insurance company, licensed vehicle wrecker, or vehicle owner, DOL will assume the market value threshold was met and apply the WA REBUILT brand to all subsequent titles issued for that vehicle.**

Two DOL forms, the Total Loss Claim Settlement Form TD-420-074 (R/5/02) and the Wrecker Monthly Report TD-420-538 (R/5/02), have been revised to comply with the new law and must be used effective June 1, 2002. **If previous versions of these forms are received by DOL on or after June 13, 2002, the vehicles reported will be treated as though the market value threshold has been met and any subsequent titles issued for a used car or truck that is six through 20 years old will carry the WA REBUILT brand.**

If reporting on a Certificate of Ownership document, Affidavit in Lieu of Title, Affidavit of Loss, or Release of Interest form, please be sure the following information is included on the document (*License Vehicle Wreckers must report on the Wrecker Monthly Report*):

- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Vehicle plate
- Registered owner name and address
- The word "DESTROYED" written across the document
- Insurance company name and address declaring vehicle wrecked, destroyed, or damaged (if applicable)
- Date of loss
- Statement indicating whether or not the value threshold is met if the vehicle is a "used car or truck" that is six through 20 years old.

If you need additional information regarding these changes please call the Department of Licensing at (360) 902-3673. Additional information about these changes also will be available on the Department of Licensing's Internet website on June 1, 2002.

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